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SUBJ: PRODUCTS OPPORTUNITY: RAILROAD CARS

REF: STATE 179868

1. AS PROOF THIS REALISTIC OPPORTUNITY WE QUOTE DIRECTOR GENERAL, SAUDI GVERNMENT RAILROAD ORGANIZATION LETTER DATED AUGUST 14, 1974 TO ECON/COMM OFFICER: QUOTE: THIS IS JUST A BRIEF NOTE TO IMPRESS UPON YOU THE URGENCY WE ATTACH TO THE QUESTION OF GETTING SOME GOOD SECOND-HAND PASSENGER CARS. I KNOW THAT THESE CARS MAY NOT BE READILY AVAILABLE, BUT I AM SURE THAT YOUR EFFORTS IN THIS REGARD MIGHT HELP US LOCATE THE CARS WE REQUIRE. I KNOW THAT BOTH MR. BAHTI AND YOURSELF ARE INTERESTED IN THIS AND I HOPE YOU WILL CONTINUE YOUR EFFORTS AND LET ME KNOW WHAT TRANSPIRES. ENCLOSED YOU WILL FIND THE SPECIFICATION AND NUMBER OF CARS WE NEED, FOR EASY REFERENCE. MANY THANKS. GHAZI A. AL-GOSAIBI, UNQUOTE.

2. SPECIFICATIONS AS FOLLOWS:

1. OVERALL LENGTH 85' OR SO.
2. STEEL OR STAINLESS STEEL EXTERIOR.
3. ALL CARS EXCEPT THE BAGGAGE CAR TO BE AIRCONDITIONED.
4. CARS TO A.A.R. SPECIFICATION MAXIMUM WIDTH INSIDE 9'4" OR 9'9". HEIGHT MAXIMUM 14'.
5. STEPS FOR GROUND LEVEL PLATFORMS.
6. CARS TO BE HAULED BY LOCOMOTIVES WITH DUST PROOF VESTIBULES ON ENDS.
7. CARS SHALL BE FIT FOR HIGH SPEED, INTER CITY SERVICE.

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8. REQUIREMENT COVERS 9 COACH CARS, SIX SNACK BAR COACH CARS WITH RECLINING BACK SEATS. 3 BAGGAGE CARS WITH TWO DIESEL

GENERATORS OF 200 KW EACH INSTALLED IN EACH CAR IN THE ENGINE
PORTION OF THE BAGGAGE TO SUPPLY 440 V-60 CYCLE CURRENT FOR
THE AIRCONDITIONING AND INTERIOR LIGHTING OF THE CARS. 3 FULLY
EQUIPPED DINING CARS TO PREPARE AND SERVE HOT MEALS.
9. ALL CARS TO BE EQUIPPED WITH WATER FOUNTAIN FOR DRINKING.
AT LEAST TWO IN EACH CAR.

3. COMMENT: BELIEVE ABOVE CONVINCING EVIDENCE THAT SAG RR SERIOUSLY
WANTS CARS. ACTUALLY, AL-GOSAIBI HAS INFORMED US IN PRIVATE
CONVERSATION THAT IF U.S. PRIVATE SECTOR NOT ABLE SUPPLY DESIRED
ITEMS, HE WANTS USG INTERVENE AND "FORCE" AMTRACK MAKE AVAILABLE
SUFFICIENT CARS SATISFY SAUDI REQUIREMENTS. DIR KTOR GENERAL
CONSIDERS HIS REQUEST AS COMING UNDER UMBRELLA SAUDI/U.S.
COOPERATION AGREEMENT.
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